

Walden Pond State Reservation

Department of Conservation and Recreation



SEPTEMBER 2016 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

All Programs are free and open to the public. **There is an \$8.00 parking fee for MA plates, \$10.00 out-of-state.** An adult must accompany children. Please bring water, sunscreen, and bug spray; dress in layers; and wear proper footwear. **Walden Pond State Reservation often closes because of visitor capacity. Visitors are strongly encouraged to call ahead before planning a trip or attending a program. For more information or to register call (978) 369-3254. <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-north/wald>**

THOREAU'S STAY AT WALDEN

Join a park interpreter at the **Thoreau house replica** for fun and informative learning about Henry's David Thoreau's life and his stay at Walden Pond. Please refer to a park trail map available at any of the kiosks for these specific locations. Suitable for all ages!

Sundays, September 4, 11, 18 & 25

1:00pm-3:00pm, at the Thoreau House Replica

Mondays, September 5 & 19

1:00pm-3:00pm, at the Thoreau House Replica

Tuesday, September 13

1:00pm-3:00pm, at the Thoreau House Replica

Wednesdays, September 7, 14, 21 & 28

1:00pm-3:00pm, at the Thoreau House Replica

Fridays, September 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

1:00pm-3:00pm, at the Thoreau House Replica.

READING WALDEN'S LANDSCAPE

Join us for an interpretive walk at Walden Pond. Thoreau was a keen observer and meticulous documenter of nature. We will interpret the forested landscape as Thoreau would have done. We will discuss forest succession and will also share some descriptive passages from Thoreau's book, "Walden." Please wear proper walking shoes and bring your water and sunscreen. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesdays, September 6, 13 & 20

11:00am-12:00pm, at the Thoreau House Replica.

LOOKING FORWARD: NEW WALDEN VISITOR CENTER

Stop by the **Thoreau house replica** near the main parking lot for this rolling program about the new, green visitor center being built at Walden Pond. Hear from a park interpreter about the future exhibits featuring the legacy of Henry David Thoreau and get a look at the plans for this energy efficient building. All ages are welcome! Pop in anytime in the 2-hr. window.

Mondays, September 5, 12, 19 & 26

10:00am-12:00pm, at the Thoreau House Replica.

Thursdays, September 8, 15, & 22

10:00am-12:00pm, at the Thoreau House Replica.

WHO LIVES IN THE FOREST **Fridays, September 2, 16 & 30** **11:00am-12:00pm, at the Main Beach.**

Now is your chance to learn about some of the local animals that live in the forest. Meet us at the table between the bike racks at the **Main Beach** to practice your naturalist skills. This program is for all ages. Stop by any time in this 1 hour window

StoryWalk® **Saturdays, September 3, 10, 17 & 24 10:00am-3:00pm, Thoreau House Replica**

Step inside a story book with an interpretive guide as you stroll past book passages placed on the Pond Trail. Fun for the whole family. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The program starts in front of the **replica house**.

THOREAU FAMILY PENCIL MAKING **Saturdays, September 3, 17 & 24 1pm–2pm, Thoreau House Replica**

Come and learn about the Thoreau family's pencil making business! We will have a pencil-making activity; children will leave with their own working pencil! Appropriate for children ages 6-12 accompanied by an adult.

FUN TIMES: LAKE WALDEN AMUSEMENT PARK **Sundays, September 4, 11, 18 & 25 11am –12pm**

Meet a park interpreter at the **Ice Fort Cove** at the back of Walden Pond where the voices of merrymaking from the *Walden Pond Amusement Park* once echoed by the shore! Learn about the boat rentals, dancing, and picnicking by large numbers of “day trippers” who came visiting by train from the city starting in 1868. Stop by any time in this one-hr. window.

SPIDERS AND THEIR WEBS, “OH MY!” **Thursdays, September 15 & 29 1pm –3pm, Thoreau House Replica**

For kids: Help build a big spider web! Learn about and make one of nature's basic connections, the spider web. Meet at the Thoreau house replica near the parking lot. Dress for the weather. All are welcome! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

BOOK OF LEAVES **Thursdays, September 8 & 22** **drop-in: 2:00pm–3:00pm at the Thoreau House Replica**

Did you know Henry David kept a journal from ages 20 to 44? Join our interpretive staff in creating your very own nature journal to take home! We will even add our first observations to the journal using leaf rubbings. Children should be supervised by an adult.

THOREAU EVENING RAMBLE **Monday, September 26 5:00pm –6:00pm at the Thoreau House Replica**

Join park staff at the **Thoreau house replica**, near the main parking lot, for a program about Henry David Thoreau, his stay at Walden Pond, and his literary, environmental, and human rights legacy. This program is for visitors of all ages. We will hike along the pond ½ mile to the original location of Thoreau's house. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water and sunscreen as appropriate.

EXPLORING POND-LIFE LIKE THOREAU **Fridays, September 9 & 23 10:00am – 12:00pm at Main Beach**

Now is your chance to explore Heywood Meadow like Thoreau! Come visit one of our property's wetlands. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and be prepared to get a little wet. Children should be supervised by an adult.

SPECIAL EVENT: THE YEAR OF LOW WATER **Saturday, September 10 1pm- 3pm, Thoreau House Replica**

Join world-renowned biologist Richard Primack for a walk from the Thoreau House Replica to Thoreau's cove, during which he will discuss the ecological consequences of climate change, as well as the plant successions taking place during the current low-water levels at Walden Pond. **Please call ahead for a reservation at (978)-369-3254, press #3 and leave a message with name and # in your party.**